

# SENATE BILL 272

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By: **Senators King, Currie, Edwards, Guzzone, Manno, Peters, Serafini, and Young**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Aid – Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students – Out-of-State Institutions**  
3 **of Higher Education**

4 FOR the purpose of altering an exception to a certain provision of law that authorizes the  
5 use of certain student financial assistance only at a certain institution of higher  
6 education in the State; authorizing the use of a Howard P. Rawlings Educational  
7 Excellence Award at an institution of higher education that is not in the State if the  
8 applicant is a deaf or hearing impaired student attending an institution of higher  
9 education that makes certain provisions for deaf and hearing impaired students and  
10 comparable provisions are not available to the student at an institution of higher  
11 education in the State; altering a certain provision of law that prohibits the Office of  
12 Student Financial Assistance from awarding more than a certain percent of funds  
13 available for certain types of grants for use by students attending certain  
14 out-of-state schools; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally  
15 relating to State financial aid for deaf and hearing impaired students attending  
16 out-of-state institutions of higher education.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Education

19 Section 18–103

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

22 (As enacted by Chapter 277 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Education  
2 Section 18–305  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
6 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Education**

8 18–103.

9 Except as otherwise provided in Subtitles **3**, **4**, **5**, and **12** of this title, a scholarship,  
10 grant, loan, or other student financial assistance awarded by the Office may be used only  
11 at a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education in this State that possesses  
12 a certificate of approval from the Commission.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
14 as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 18–305.

17 (a) A Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award may be used:

18 (1) At a degree granting institution of higher education, an eligible  
19 institution with an associate degree program that provides transfer credit for an accredited  
20 baccalaureate program, or a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses if the  
21 curriculum is approved by the Commission; and

22 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Commission, including:

23 (i) Tuition and fees; and

24 (ii) Room and board.

25 (b) Except as provided in subsection [(c)] **(D)** of this section, a Delegate Howard  
26 P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award may be used at a school in another state if:

27 (1) There is a reciprocal agreement as provided in § 18–308 of this subtitle;  
28 and

29 (2) The school meets requirements of subsection (a)(1) of this section.

30 **(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A**  
31 **DELEGATE HOWARD P. RAWLINGS EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD MAY BE**

1 USED AT A DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS NOT IN  
2 THE STATE IF:

3 (1) THE APPLICANT IS A DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENT  
4 ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT MAKES SPECIAL  
5 PROVISIONS FOR DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS; AND

6 (2) COMPARABLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE  
7 STUDENT AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

8 [(c)] (D) The Office may not award more than 10% of the funds available for each  
9 of the types of grants awarded under this subtitle for use by students attending schools in  
10 another state AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2016, the effective date of Chapter 277 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011. If  
13 the effective date of Chapter 277 is amended, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the  
14 taking effect of Chapter 277.

15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this  
16 Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.